

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam? *yes, indeed.*

I was born with hearing loss. It doesn't take a doctor (& his billing dept.) to tell me that. If something isn't broken (& this system IS NOT) then let it alone & don't try to fix it!

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

People only want to apply "Pro-choice" to the abortion - issue. How about this issue, too. If someone ~~one~~ ^{ore} WANTS to go to a doctor, fine - but if I CHOOSE to go to a mail - order co., (so I can be a good employee & not loose time from work) let me.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Of course. It should be our CHOICE. Not mandated. So, doctors have their hands in the FDA's pockets, huh? Get them out of there!! For our sakes!!

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